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REF: A. BANGKOK 30135 (NOTAL), B. USDLO HONG KONG 6 842 0593
76 (NOTAL), C. USDLO HONG KONG 6 842 0633 76 (NOTAL)

1. HONG KONG ASST POLAD DISCOUNTED ANY POSSIBILITY THAT LPDR
WOULD ATTEMPT TO PICK UP AMMUNITION AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
IN HONG KONG. HE NOTED THAT ARMS AND AMMUNITION ARE TIGHTLY
REGULATED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND IN ADDITION ESPECIALLY
STRICT CONTROLS ARE IN FORCE AT KAI TAK AIRPORT. HE COMMENTED
THAT IF THE LAO WISHED TO BRING IN SOVIET BLOC AMMUNITION OR
EQUIPMENT, SURELY THEY WOULD DO IT ON THE AEROFLOT FLIGHT WHICH
GOES TO VIENTIANE. HE DID CONFIRM THAT THE LAO WERE PLANNING
A DC-4 FLIGHT NEAR THE END OF NOVEMBER BUT THIS WAS IN CONNEC-
TION WITH THE LAO AVIATION AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.
THERE HAD BEEN SOME DELAYS IN GRANTING VISAS FOR THE AIRCRAFT

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2. USDLO AIRLO REPORTED SEPARATELY THAT COMMERCIAL AVIATION GASOLINE FOR DC-4'S IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT KAI TAK. THIS COULD RESTRICT LAO DC-4 OPERATIONS. A LAO DC-4 WHICH ARRIVED DURING THE WEEK OF OCT 31-NOV 6 DID NOT ONLOAD FUEL, AND DEPARTED KAI TAK WITH A MINIMUM LOAD. THE MOST RECENT ARRIVAL OF A LAO DC-4 OCCURRED ON NOVEMBER 9 AND THE AIRCRAFT IS STILL PARKED ON THE KAI TAK APRON.

3. FYI LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT THIS YEAR FOR OVERHAUL OF DC-4 AND DC-3 AIRCRAFT ENGINES BY THE HONG KONG AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING CO. LTD. (HAECO). USDLO REPORTS ON THIS SUBJECT (REF B AND C) WILL BE POUCHED TO BANGKOK AND VIENTIANE.

4. COMMENT: SOVIET OFFER OF AVIATION ASSETS TO LAO AVIATION IS ALSO REPORTED IN REF C. PERHAPS THAI SOURCE IN REF A RECEIVED A GARBLED VERSION OF THIS REPORT. IN ANY EVENT THE VIETNAMESE ARE CERTAINLY IN A POSITION TO SUPPLY THE LPDR WITH ALL THE AMMUNITION THEY COULD POSSIBLY USE.
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